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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicant's duty of voluntary disclosure under Rule 56, and for the Examiner's convenience, we submit herewith:

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- b) a complete copy of each reference.

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* : The prior art document identified in the specification.